

LET FUTURE'S VEIL REMAIN UNDRAWN, M'LISS ADVISES Fortune Tellers and Psychic Mediums Are a Low Lot, Wielding a Pernicious Influence

MY WHOLE summer's spoiled. The horrid old said that I was going to receive a terrible shock some time in August. I paid her a dollar. I think she might at least have told me something pleasant for that.

The woman embraced pettishly and there was a worried look on her brow. It was plain to see that she believed in the truth of her words. Her whole summer was to be spoiled. And all because she belonged to that class of women, than whom there is none more foolish, which persists in going to fortune tellers.

Of course they do not call themselves fortune tellers—this parasitic breed which draws its life from the credulity of an ignorant, superstitious public. They hide under the protecting cloak of religion or science. They are spiritualists or psychic mediums, and as such drain the pockets of their patrons with an unscrupulousness that is nothing short of amazing.

Suspicious have been planted in the minds of the visitors to these shrines of iniquity which, like bad sores, have festered until an entire household has been infected. I remember on one occasion when I was present at a seance—in the capacity of investigator—the loose-lipped, evil-looking medium pointed a grimy finger at a miserable specimen of humanity and in portentous tones said ominously three times:

"Watch your husband, watch your husband, watch your husband!"

The woman whom she addressed wore a wedding ring, so there was nothing psychic even in the guess that the warned one was married. The poor creature, who was obviously in exceedingly low circumstances, looked piteously at the medium. One more burden had been added to her back. In addition to other trying sorrows, she now had to watch her husband, and the inference was that the result of those observations were to be far from pleasant.

It would be immoral enough if the fortune tellers confined themselves to optimism, like the gipsies. If they only told you about the innumerable dark young men and fascinating blondes who were eating out their hearts for you. It's a singular fact that for the gipsies there is no compromise, so far as complexions

are concerned. People are very, very dark or very, very light. True, the dark ones are often purple villains and adventurers, creatures so palpably of the "mellendrammer," that one loses one's sense of terror in the feeling of thrill they inspire.

The influence of the higher-priced readers of the future is dangerously pernicious, however. Chiefly, perhaps, because consulting them becomes a habit. While sitting in the anteroom of one of these mediums (she charged from \$2 to \$5 a visit and many of her consultations were by appointment) I talked to a young girl who, like the patient of a very eminent doctor, was waiting her turn.

"I've been coming here for three years now, off and on," she told me, "and though she ain't never told me anything very particular, I always keep thinking maybe she will tell me something worth while. It costs a sight of money, too, but I can't seem to break away."

Apparently the thought never occurs to the devotees of the psychics that people gifted with the genius to penetrate the veil which hides the future ought to be able to do something for themselves in the way of storing up this world's goods. Why is it that they who are capable of advising you as to which way the stock market is going, or what man you ought to marry in order to reach the seventh heaven of rapture, never seem to have profited by this knowledge themselves? Proverbially, they are a dour, down-at-the-heel looking lot.

And just suppose that they were gifted with the supernatural endowments that they lay claim to, of what would it profit a person to know beforehand the fate in store for him? All the joys of the present would be tainted because of the knowledge of their impermanence and that most healthy of all human emotions, hope, would be destroyed.

But, of course, these practicing mediums know nothing of the future, just as they know nothing of the past or present. They are too ignorant to know much of anything. But their ignorance is exceeded by that of one other class in this world. It is the ignorance of those people who support them. M'LISS.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'LISS, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'LISS: Please tell me how to clean German silver medals which are unlined and which will eventually put into it. K. V. H.

Use an old toothbrush and a good silver polish. Warm water and soap is also good. If I were you I would line the bag with a silk or cotton lining, as it is virtually impossible to keep anything clean in these unlined bags. I know, because I have one.

Dear M'LISS: In sending manuscripts to the editor of newspapers, how should they be addressed? WOULD BE WRITER.

It depends on the subject matter. If you have feature articles for Sunday consumption, send them to the Sunday Editor; if you have local news, submit it to the City Editor. Articles on general topics addressed to the Editor of such and such a paper will reach their proper destination.

MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and should be addressed to Marion Harland, care of the Evening Ledger, 1008 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. If you would like to be included in the list of those who would like to help, and having received them, communicate direct with those parties.

Nice for Shut-In Child

I SAID a while ago a request for cut-out paper dolls. My daughter would like to have the address of the person, as she could send a little girl some. She has a good many, and they are nice for a shut-in child. Should you know of any one who would enjoy picture postals once in a while, kindly let me have the address. I have a girl of 14 and a boy of 12 who would enjoy spending if you can find a making some other little one happy. Kindly send me an address. GERTRUDE C. R.

Give us the initials attached to the mother's letter, and you will be put into communication with her. You will probably hear soon from someone who will embrace the offer of your dear girl and boy to have pictures copied. You are bringing them up in the right way by infusing into their tender minds the desire to make others happy. This is the best method of training true Cornerites. Success attend the noble endeavor.

To Adorn Charitable Home

"Would any one have to spare a large picture of George Washington and one of Abraham Lincoln, the greatest Presidents? They are to be found at political Republican headquarters of every ward. We wish to adorn with them the walls of a charitable institution which is essentially American. The request is from a clergyman connected with the institution for which the portraits are wanted. It should not fall upon needless ears. The large pictures are to be found in private houses as well as in political headquarters. One may easily be spared from the walls to give pleasure to the inmates of the retreat, and exert influence upon a wider circle.

In Need of a Rug

I am the mother of five children and my husband has a hard time of it. He has any one a pair of roller skates she is not using? My little girl would like to have some and I can't afford to buy them. I have been sick and you know I can't do a carpet or rug for me I shall be thankful. MRS. W. B.

Motherlike, out correspondent asks for the roller skates which may bring joy and health to her girl before mentioning modestly her need of a rug. We must gratefully both desires if we can. Five children, scanty means, and a hard, bare floor for the aching feet of the woman of all work are features of a pitiful story. Would that it were the only one of the kind we are called upon daily to contemplate! We may lighten the shadows in this by looking up rug and roller skates.

To Aid Botany Student

If an studying botany and our teacher has recommended "How Plants Grow" for reference work. It is a botany for young people containing a popular flora of common plants in the United States. It was published probably in 1858, as this is the date I find in the book. If any of the readers have the volume in their possession and would be willing to give it to me, I will gladly pay postage. Hope to be able to return the favor soon.

Pin Preserver

It often happens that the pin tray on the side of the sewing machine tips over, and the seamstress has the delay and trouble of scrambling about for pins, or picking them off the floor every time she wants one. This is a trial of sewing days is easily done away with. Take a piece of soft, woolen material, say about 4 inches wide and 14 inches in length, and wrap it around the machine at the wheel side. This brings your material across the end of the wooden part of the machine. When the dressmaker needs pins, she can take them from the side of the cloth that is filled with them. When she is taking them out of a gown, she can have them slipped back into their place on the woolen goods, thereby keeping the pins where she can find them in any emergency.

Mending Linoleum

Did you ever try mending the torn edges in linoleum? It is easy. Just trim the places of the hole with the scissors—kitchen scissors—then place a linoleum patch underneath or if you have none of this use oilcloth. Paint the edges on the wrong side. Press down tight against the patch and allow it to dry. Paint all worn places, using paint the same color as the oilcloth.

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The sports hat is of Mexican braid in modified sombrero style. The high crown is covered with green faille and finished with a tassel to match. Green faille is also used for the facing, which is finished with corded edge. The brim is hand-painted. It may be ordered in various colors for \$10.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

Daintiness

Daintiness has ever been the most alluring of feminine attributes, but attaining it is no small trouble. To be truly dainty a woman must spend time and money attending to the little items of her toilette that give her the right to the adjective. To achieve daintiness while traveling is an art.

Several bottles should be included in the traveling bag or case. One should contain alcohol to cleanse the skin with. Pure alcohol may or may not agree with a tender skin, so that if it is diluted with half rain water and half alcohol no possible irritation can result. This liquid, when dabbed gently over the skin with pads of absorbent cotton while traveling, will remove the dust and prevent it from getting imbedded in the skin.

Benzoin is another necessary of the traveler's kit. This also is to be put into the skin, and may be poured, a few drops at a time, into the wash basin of the train dressing-room to soften the water. The odor of tincture benzoin is delightfully aromatic, and a dash of toilet water afterward makes the skin as fresh as a rose.

Good cold cream, of course, is not overlooked in the list, only it is taken so much for granted that it is not mentioned above and to be looked on as its successors. The cream should be rubbed into the skin when Milady starts out on her journey, after the pores of the skin have been cleansed and opened. Then follows the benzoin and "oilet water" treatment.

The last requisite is a bottle of pungent smelling salts for probable train sickness. Every one knows the nauseating sensation after an hour or two on the train. If smelling salts are at hand, the knowledge of their presence is reassuring.

Night of Spring

Slow, horses, slow. As thro' the wood we go— We would see fair Dian rise With her huntsress bow. Much to be seen and done. All the beauty of the night We would learn and know! —Thomas Westwood.

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Berry and Lettuce Salad

A pretty salad is made with strawberries and lettuce. Clean and hull the berries, then put them on the ice until they are quite chilled. Take the heart out of a crisp head of lettuce, washing the outer leaves well and chilling thoroughly by setting them directly on the ice in a paper bag until they are ready to be used. Fill in the centre of the lettuce with the berries, cover with powdered sugar or a sweet mayonnaise.

Mending China

A cement to mend china in an emergency is made of a little bit of gum arabic dissolved in water and enough plaster of Paris to make a stiff paste. Wash and dry the pieces and put them together with the paste in between.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB. I never am lonesome for long. Though I'm living unsought and apart. For I play with, surprising to say, A mysterious friend in my heart. RICHMOND. Illustration of a cherub and a dog.

GOOD FORM. Good form queries should be addressed to Deborah Rush, written on one side of the paper and signed with full name and address, though initials ONLY will be published upon request. This column will appear in Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's Evening Ledger.

To return once more to our talks on weddings and receptions and other entertainments in connection with these events. It is usual for the bride to entertain her bridesmaids at luncheon about a week in advance of the wedding. Sometimes the function is changed to a dinner and the men of the bridal party attend, but the luncheon is more usual. Very often a cake is served with the ice, in which a ring, a coin and a thimble are placed. The members of the party who find these articles in their portions are supposed to be destined for marriage, wealth or single blessedness. Many other innocent old superstitions are carried out for the general delectation of the bridesmaids. Very often at the bridesmaid's luncheon the bride takes the opportunity to give her bridesmaids to her bridesmaids, though if the luncheon is given a whole week before the wedding it is better to wait until the eve of the day.

Remain Seated. Dear Deborah Rush—Is it correct for a lady to rise when introduced to a man or when a man comes into a room and greets her?

A lady remains seated when a man is introduced to her or enters a room to greet her; but, of course, there are exceptions to this rule. For instance, when a man of eminence or a venerable man is introduced to a young girl, she should rise in order to show him proper respect for his age and station.

Bare Table for Lunch. Dear Deborah Rush—When is it permissible to serve a meal without a tablecloth?

Luncheon and supper are always served on the polished table which is adorned with embroidered linen and lace centerpieces, plate doilies, tumbler doilies and doilies for the bread and butter plates. Doilies are also used under the candlesticks.

Three Questions. Dear Deborah Rush—Will you kindly tell me if it is considered good form to use a toothpick after eating?

It is never permissible for a lady to refuse to be introduced to a man or woman? What do you think of the expression, "Not at home" when a person is at home, but is engaged?

No, in this country it would be considered as inelegant as chewing gum, indeed, even more so. A woman may refuse to be introduced to a man or woman of known bad reputation, but this is a matter which should be handled with the greatest delicacy. The expression "Not at home" is a matter of custom and is not considered untruthful as the person who says the "Not at home" has simply the intention of not being home to visitors. DEBORAH RUSH.

RECIPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE: BE A VEGETARIAN, SAYS DOCTOR

By WILLIAM A. BRADY, M. D. Doctor Brady will answer all stated letters pertaining to health. If your question is of general interest, it will be answered through these columns; if not, it will not. Do not send far as his professional envelope is enclosed. Doctor Brady will not prescribe for individuals, but will make diagnoses. Address: Dr. William Brady, care of the Evening Ledger.

IT stands to reason that the writer of this daily department of disaffiliation is not the busiest practitioner in town. It takes some time to run the department. But at that, the worst thing that can happen to a mediocre doctor is to acquire a very large practice, for when he gets to the point where he is "going night and day" the doctor is sure to go mostly backward. It is a good thing for a doctor to have a large and educated audience. A doctor who has to "see" 30 patients in two hours is not likely to give each patient the same attention as a doctor who sees 10 patients in the same time, being a human, so to speak, being. A good many things that are set forth in this department are, say, 10 years ahead of the profession. But it takes about 10 years for the newer methods and the latest discoveries of medical science to get into general use as a sort of common-sense doctor. A doctor who is mediocre is a perfectly reliable adviser, provided he is also broad enough to accept a good thought regardless of its source. Possibly the wisest young tyro right around the corner knows more medical science and has more actual ability than any of the great men you know as successful physicians. But the surprising fact is that he is not for you. You are afraid of him—he is too young, and he has no reputation. His skill is for the people who will be glad to get him 10 or 15 years hence, when he takes about 15 years for the people to recognize medical skill that way.

Here is a general conclusion we have developed out of several miles of reading. It comes as a sort of surprise, but it is from the best medical authorities of the day. It is the inevitable trend of all recent progress in medical science. It will be common property 10 years hence, when the profession as a body will be advocating it. If you want to be well and live long and have lots of "pep" and ambition and optimism and endurance and avoid many of the minor and major ills of civilized humanity and amount to something in the world—be a vegetarian. You needn't break your neck to be a vegetarian. You don't have to make an enemy of the butcher, you can break off by degrees, over a period of two or three months, say, taking less and less meat and more and more of the vegetables, fruits, cereals, until finally you find

yourself living the happy life without any of the old savage craving for flesh. If you feel that you can't be a vegetarian, then be sure you are a vegetarian. We fully realize that one's wife, husband, cook, hired man or landlady has something to say about it. But anyway, know that meat is a fine food to do without.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. The Doctor Passes 100 Per Cent. My sister had an attack of measles. The doctor kept her hot water bottles applied to her head—and it lasted. She was operated on—and it lasted. Then he said she should go out—and it lasted. Later she had neuritis in her right arm, and the doctor insisted upon her staying in bed—was that right? He ordered every kind of food for her—and it lasted. He says the neuritis is not fatal, and he allows her to have visitors when she wants them—is that right? Answer—It is all right, and so is the cure, and undoubtedly your sister will be well.

Here is a Hard Nut to Crack. Why do so many children have defective eyesight after they are vaccinated and so trouble before? Answer—Perhaps for the same reason that so many grow up and marry after they are vaccinated.

Painted Sets. The piece of unpainted furniture, particularly chests, Windsor chairs and four-poster beds, has gone up in proportion to the demand for painted styles. The painted furniture has spread all over. It is the old-fashioned style for country houses and boudoirs, but as the work is mostly all done by decorators, it is an extravagant affair. Period furniture is noticeable in the fact, individually as far as coloring goes, may run quite wild in painted furniture. One day bedroom set seen recently boasted a background of rich maroon, lined with white. Chinese red, blue, light tan, chestnut and lilac are other shades.

For Bare Floors. A useful mop for bare floors in summer is made by taking about a dozen elastic stockings, cutting off the feet, and dipping them in equal parts of kerosene and turpentine, mixed with five cents' worth of oil of lavender. Wring out and dry. Put in the mop handle just as you do with a cloth. This serves as a dustless mop, catching all the dust without scattering it.

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SOCIETY AND THE PRISONER. THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE, former warden of Sing Sing Prison, has written a series of three articles on "Crime and Criminals." Next Sunday's Public Ledger will contain the first article, "Society and the Prisoner." Probably no other person in America is so thoroughly acquainted with this subject as Mr. Osborne. For many years he has studied crime and criminology, and his presentation of this absorbing topic should appeal to all Public Ledger readers. SUNDAY'S PUBLIC LEDGER